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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6956

BILL NUMBER: SB 571

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: High School Graduation Rates and Diplomas.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Becker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *School Graduation Rate-* The bill includes students who: (1) complete high school requirements during the summer following the senior year; or (2) receive a GED not later than October 1 following the expected graduation year; within the determination of a school's graduation rate.

Fast Track to College Program- The bill repeals provisions that allow a state supported higher education institution to confer high school diplomas.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *School Graduation Rate-* The proposed change to the graduation rate calculation could affect the Department of Education's determination of a school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The Department would be able to make the calculation change within its existing level of resources. The exact number of high school students the provision could affect is unknown.

Fast Track to College Program- Repeal of the fast track program would present minimal savings to the Department and the State Board of Education. Under current law, the State Board must supply colleges with high school diplomas to present to students completing the fast track program. However, it is unlikely any diplomas have yet been awarded within the program. Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana has approximately 12 students preliminarily involved with the fast track program. Ivy Tech intends to officially launch their program in the fall of 2007 and has asked for a \$14 M appropriation from the state Budget Committee over the FY 2008-2009 biennium. Vincennes University has not started a fast track program.

Background Information: The fast track program was established by P.L. 185-2006 with an effective date

of July 1, 2006. The bill specifically gave Ivy Tech and Vincennes the option to establish a fast track program. Other universities were also allowed to begin a program as well.

AYP- Adequate Yearly Progress is the designation applied to schools that meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. In order to make AYP, schools must satisfy *one* of the following conditions: (A) Meet performance, participation, and attendance/graduation targets for groups of students (with 30 or more students) or (B) Reduce the number of students not meeting performance targets by 10% (also known as the Safe Harbor Provision) and meet attendance/graduation rate targets. School corporations must meet either of the above conditions in one or more grade spans: Elementary (Grades K–5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), and High school (Grades 9-12).

Adult Education Program- For the 2004-2005 school year, 11,694 students aged 16-18 participated in an adult education program. Of the total, 5,710 were involved with Adult Basic Education and 5,630 were involved with Adult Secondary Education. During the same year, 11,120 students of all ages were enrolled in either Adult Basic Education (low) or Adult Basic Education (high) programs including Adult Secondary Credit and the GED.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Fast Track to College Program-* The fast track program is open to certain qualifying students at least 17 years of age (with consent from the student's high school) or at least 19 years old (and not enrolled in a school). School corporations are required to pay a student's tuition for high school level courses taken at a participating college during each year the student is counted in the school's ADM. Since this program just began July 1, 2006, the repeal of the program would present little if any savings to schools.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Education; Department of Education; Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Vincennes University, and other colleges and universities participating in the fast track to college program.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Rod Rich, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana; Karen Sutton, Continuing Education Department, Vincennes University, 812-888-4120; Department of Education website: www.doe.state.in.us/adulted/pdf/postperf06.pdf; www.doe.state.in.us/ayp/2005/AYPFactSheetI051906.pdf

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